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LETTER DATED 3 APRIL 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of resolution 5639, entitled "Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya", which was adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States meeting at its one hundred and seventh regular session on 31 March 1997.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

RESOLUTION 107/5639, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AT THE 3RD MEETING OF ITS ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION, HELD ON 31 MARCH 1997

Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Referring to the section of the Final Communiqué of the Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo from 21 to 23 July 1996 relating to the subject,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the matter, the most recent being resolution 106/5596 of 15 September 1996,

Reaffirming paragraph 163 of the final document of the Eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Colombia from 18 to 20 October 1995, the resolution adopted by the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Jakarta from 9 to 13 December 1996, and the Declaration on the matter adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its sixty-fifth ordinary session in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 24 to 28 February 1997,

Expressing its appreciation to regional organizations such as the Organization of African Unity, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Group of 77 for their solidarity with the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in this crisis and their support for the proposal set forth in Council resolution 5393 of 27 March 1993,

Commending the efforts of the Committee of Seven of the League of Arab States and the Committee of Five of the Organization of African Unity to secure a peaceful and just solution to the crisis,

Expressing its grave concern at the enormous human suffering and damage sustained by the Libyan Arab people and neighbouring peoples as a result of the maintenance of the coercive measures imposed on the Great Jamahiriya under Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993),

Regretting the failure of the three Western countries to respond positively to international and regional endeavours and to the efforts made to devise a settlement based on the principles of international law, in a context of mutual understanding and constructive dialogue, with the result that the Security Council, following its consultations of 14 March 1997, extended the embargo measures imposed on the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

Noting that the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is continuing to address the crisis through positive initiatives and that it is

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1. To reaffirm it pre io s resolutions concer ing sol ti n by [illegible] Great Socialist People's Libya Arab Jamahiriya and to support the effo ts o th Jamahiri a o rsive at a p acefu solut n of the crisi ;

. To urge the three Western countries t respond positively to reg o al and intern tional endea ours and o th ef orts being ma e to devise a settleme t o the c isis based o the rinciples of internatio al law, ual nd rstanding and dialogue;

3. To coordinat action by the Committee of Seve of t e Leagu e of Arab States and the Committee o Five of the Or anization of African Unity w th i ie to urgi g t e Secu ity Counci to c nvene a special meeting for th presentation of the Committees' co cr te roposals o that t e Cou cil may dopt, as a b si for the resolution o the crisis, on of the ollowin optio s:

Holding the trial of t e T o suspects in neutral thi d counti t b etermin d by the Secur ty Coun il;

Having the wo su pects tried a the seat of the International Co rt o Justice The Hague in acco dance with Scots law and by o t Sh judges;

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5. To implemen the provision of Council resolution 1067(1996) elating to th elabcration of practical mea ures to s are the Libyan Arab peopl for harm a d suf ering, as ecid on 23 June 1996 b the Cairo Arab Summit;

6. To urge t e Co mittee of Seven of the Leag e f ra St es an e C mmi tee of Five of the Orga ization of African Unity to cont nue their e fort with a iew to achievi g a pe ce ul, peedy and j t solution to e crisi ,

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7. TO INCLUDE THIS QUESTION AS A PERMANENT ITEM ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A DECISION IS TAKEN;

8. TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION.